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By Representatives Dunshee, Sommers, DeBolt and Alexander; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to updating utilities and transportation commission
2 regulatory fees; and amending RCW 80.24.010, 81.24.010, 81.24.020,
3 81.24.030, and 81.77.080.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.24.010 and 1994 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Every public service company subject to regulation by the
8 commission shall, on or before the date specified by the commission for
9 filing annual reports under RCW 80.04.080, file with the commission a
10 statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate
11 operations for the preceding calendar year or portion thereof and pay
12 to the commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first
13 fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of
14 one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand
15 dollars: PROVIDED, That the ~~((fee shall in no case be less than))~~
16 commission may, by rule, set minimum fees that do not exceed one
17 hundred dollars. The commission may by rule waive any or all of the
18 minimum fee established pursuant to this section.

1 The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any
2 year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies
3 subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before
4 March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be
5 classified as follows:

6 Electrical, gas, water, telecommunications, and irrigation
7 companies shall constitute class one. Every other company subject to
8 regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are not
9 otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall
10 constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged
11 in.

12 Any payment of the fee imposed by this section made after its due
13 date shall include a late fee of two percent of the amount due.
14 Delinquent fees shall accrue interest at the rate of one percent per
15 month.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 81.24.010 and 1996 c 196 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Every company subject to regulation by the commission, except
19 auto transportation companies, steamboat companies, (~~wharfingers or~~
20 ~~warehousemen,~~) and motor freight carriers(~~, and storage~~
21 ~~warehousemen~~) shall, on or before the date specified by the commission
22 for filing annual reports under RCW 81.04.080, file with the commission
23 a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate
24 operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay
25 to the commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first
26 fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of
27 one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand
28 dollars, except railroad companies which shall each pay to the
29 commission a fee equal to one and one-half percent of its intrastate
30 gross operating revenue. (~~However, the fee shall in no case be less~~
31 ~~than~~) The commission may, by rule, set minimum fees that do not
32 exceed one hundred dollars. The commission may by rule waive any or
33 all of the minimum fee established pursuant to this section. Any
34 railroad association that qualifies as a not-for-profit charitable
35 organization under the federal internal revenue code section 501(c)(3)
36 is exempt from the fee required under this subsection.

1 (2) The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in
2 any one year may be decreased by the commission for any class of
3 companies subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered
4 before March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies
5 shall be classified as follows: Railroad, express, sleeping car, and
6 toll bridge companies shall constitute class two. Every other company
7 subject to regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are
8 not otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall
9 constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged
10 in.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 81.24.020 and 1997 c 215 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 ~~((By May 1st of each year))~~ On or before the date specified by the
14 commission for filing annual reports under RCW 81.04.080, every auto
15 transportation company must file with the commission a statement
16 showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the
17 preceding year and pay to the commission a fee of two-fifths of one
18 percent of the amount of gross operating revenue. ~~((However, the fee~~
19 ~~paid shall in no case be less than two dollars and fifty cents.))~~ The
20 commission may, by rule, set minimum fees that do not exceed one
21 hundred dollars. The commission may by rule waive any or all of the
22 minimum fee established pursuant to this section.

23 The percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid in any
24 period may be decreased by the commission by general order entered
25 before the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which the
26 fee is due.

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 81.24.030 and 1993 c 427 s 10 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 Every commercial ferry shall, on or before ~~((the first day of April~~
30 ~~of each year))~~ the date specified by the commission for filing annual
31 reports under RCW 81.04.080, file with the commission a statement on
32 oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for
33 the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay to the
34 commission a fee of two-fifths of one percent of the amount of gross
35 operating revenue: PROVIDED, That the ~~((fee so paid shall in no case~~
36 ~~be less than five))~~ commission may, by rule, set minimum fees that do

1 not exceed one hundred dollars. The commission may by rule waive any
2 or all of the minimum fee established pursuant to this section. The
3 percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year may
4 be decreased by the commission by general order entered before March
5 1st of such year.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 81.77.080 and 1989 c 431 s 24 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Every solid waste collection company shall, on or before (~~the 1st~~
9 ~~day of April of each year~~) the date specified by the commission for
10 filing annual reports under RCW 81.04.080, file with the commission a
11 statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate
12 operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay
13 to the commission a fee equal to one percent of the amount of gross
14 operating revenue: PROVIDED, That the (~~fee shall in no case be less~~
15 ~~than~~) commission may, by rule, set minimum fees that do not exceed one
16 hundred dollars. The commission may by rule waive any or all of the
17 minimum fee established pursuant to this section.

18 It is the intent of the legislature that the fees collected under
19 the provisions of this chapter shall reasonably approximate the cost of
20 supervising and regulating motor carriers subject thereto, and to that
21 end the utilities and transportation commission is authorized to
22 decrease the schedule of fees provided in this section by general order
23 entered before March 1st of any year in which it determines that the
24 moneys then in the solid waste collection companies account of the
25 public service revolving fund and the fees currently to be paid will
26 exceed the reasonable cost of supervising and regulating such carriers.

27 All fees collected under this section or under any other provision
28 of this chapter shall be paid to the commission and shall be by it
29 transmitted to the state treasurer within thirty days to be deposited
30 to the credit of the public service revolving fund.

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